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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 1163

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR PARM PLOS ICRC UR US
SUBJECT: US-SOVIET MARITIME BOUNDARY; CONSULTATIONS ON
HUMANITARIAN LAW; LOS INTERSESSIONAL MEETING

REF: (A) STATE 013984, (B) STATE 012990, (C) STATE 003591

1. EMBOFF CALLED ON MFA TREATY AND LEGAL DIVISION
(KHABIROV) ON JAN. 24 24 TO DELIVER NOTE IN REFTEL A (COPY
POUCHED TO DEPT/L). KHABIROV WENT OVER THE NOTE CAREFULLY
AND LOOKED UP SOVIET TEXT OF 1867 CONVENTION ON MARITIME
BOUNDARIES, BETWEEN ALASKA AND SIBERIA, BUT HE DID NOT
OFFER SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT. HE DID ASK, AS A PERSONAL
ASIDE, WHETHER IT WAS NOT CUSTOMARY TO NEGOTIATE OR AT
LEAST DISCUSS SUCH MATTERS BEFORE GIVING NOTICE ABOUT
ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS. HE ADDED THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE
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THAT THE QUESTION HAD BEEN DISCUSSED IN CONNECTION WITH
THE BILATERAL FISHING AGREEMENT SIGNED IN NOVEMBER.
(HABIROV CONCLUDED THAT THE SOVIET SIDE WOULD STUDY
THE NOTE AND WOULD INFORM THE EMBASSY IF IT HAD ANY
FORMAL RESPONSE.

2. EMBOFF ALSO DISCUSSED WITH KHABIROV BILATERAL

CONSULTATIONS ON INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW,
INDICATING THAT FEBRUARY 18 AND 19 WERE THE ONLY
POSSIBLE DATES FOR US PREFERENCE FOR GENEVA AS SITE (REF B).
KHABIROV NOTED THIS POSITION AND PROMISED TO INFORM
THE EMBASSY OF THE SOVIET RESPONSE.

3. REGARDING THE LOS INTERSESSIONAL MEETING ON
COMMITTEE I MATTERS IN GENEVA (REF C), KHABIRO
INDICATED THAT THE SOVIETS WERE AWARE OF PLANS
FOR THE MEETING AND EXPECTED TO ATTEND. HE ADDED
THAT HE HAD HEARD THAT MINISTER EVENSEN ALSO HOPED
TO CONVENE A MEETING ON DISPUTE SETTLEMENT IN EARLY
FEBRUARY, BUT HE (KHABIROV) WAS NOT SURE WHAT THE
STATUS OF THIS PROPOSAL WAS. TOON

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